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Group Art Unit 3682

In re
 Patent Application of
 Charles W. Shattuck, et al.
 Application No. 09/966,230
 Confirmation No.: 5871
 Filed: September 28, 2001
 Examiner: Colby M. Hansen
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Sir:

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To the applicants' knowledge, a Notice of Abandonment has not yet been issued. Applicants respectfully request that the attached Response be entered as a proper, timely response to the March 25, 2003 Office Action.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to the undersigned's deposit account no. 09-0260. A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed.

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If there are any questions or if any additional information is required, it is respectfully requested that the Office get in contact with the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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